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## Speeding Car Leads to Marijuana Arrests

On March 26, 2006, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Trooper Todd Gates was parked on the ramp from Lieser Road to eastbound SR-14, working his laser radar. Trooper Gates clocked a 1999 Daewoo Four-door at 76 mph in the 60 mph posted zone. Trooper Gates pulled the Daewoo over in the area of SE Ellsworth.

Trooper Gates contacted the Daewoo at the passenger's side, observing two passenger's in the car along with the driver. The driver advised Trooper Gates he didn't have any identification with him. Trooper Gates observed what appeared to be a small amount of marijuana on the driver's right pant leg.

Trooper Gates had the driver exit the car and placed him under arrest for not having any identification and possession of marijuana. The driver questioned the marijuana and Trooper Gates picked a small piece of marijuana from the driver's pant leg and showed it to him. The driver then admitted he had identification in his back pocket. The driver was identified from an Oregon identification card as Elijah J. Clay, a 19 year old resident of Portland, Oregon. Trooper Gates located in a pocket on Clay's pants a plastic baggie containing smaller baggie commonly issued for drugs, a small plastic sandwich bag containing marijuana along with a blunt (marijuana cigarette), which had a burnt end. Trooper Gates located another baggie with marijuana in another pocket on Clay's pants.

Trooper Gates searched both passengers' not finding any drugs on them.

Trooper Gates searched the car finding pieces of marijuana on the driver's front floor board. He located a black jacket and a brown "Tampa Bay Buccaneer's" jacket in the back seat. The Tampa Bay Buccaneer's jacket contained \$140 in a pocket along with a zip lock plastic baggie containing several smaller baggies with marijuana in them.

Clay admitted to the black jacket being his and the passenger sitting in the back seat identified as Ronell E. Davis, an 18 year old resident of Portland, Oregon, admitted the Tampa Bay Buccaneer's jacket was his.

Clay was booked into the Clark County Jail for Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Deliver and cited for No Valid Driver's License along with Speeding.

Davis was booked in the Clark County Jail for Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Deliver.

The other passenger identified as Shawntavia D. Flora, an 18 year old resident of Portland, Oregon, wasn't charged with any crimes.

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